

July 5, 1923

Henry Wood, Groton Pioneer Dies in Canada

Henry Wood, one of the earliest settlers of Groton, passed away at his home at St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, this week, his death being presumably due to the infirmities of old age. He was about 88 years old at the time of his death.

Mr. Wood was one of the earliest pioneer of Groton. It is said that he came here with Larry Sanders and J. Wilson, who are considered to be the first men setting foot on what is now Groton. He proved up on the land now occupied by Harry Gillette, but in the early ninties, or thereabouts, removed.

The body will arrive in Groton this week, and will be laid to rest in Groton cemetery.

He is the father of Mrs. George Saunders, (nee Miss Nettie Wood) and has a wide circle of old-time friends here who will learn of his death with sincere regret.

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OBITUARY

Henry Lewis Wood was born in Cleveland, Ohio, September 9, 1839, and moved with his parents to Stratfordville, Ont., when nine years of age. He was married in 1870 at Belmot, Ont., to Mary Ann Moore. He took up a homestead adjoining the present townsite of Groton in 1880, the family moving here the following spring. Mrs. Wood died January 29, 1886, and Mr. Wood moved to Edmonton, Alberta, in 1893, where he resided until 1913, when he moved to St. Thomas, Ont., making his home with his daughter, Mrs. John Purvis, until the time of his death, July 2, 1923.

Two daughters, Mrs. John Purvis of St. Thomas, Ont., and Mrs. George Saunders, of Stratford, S. D., and one son, William L. Wood, of Onion Lake, Sask., survive him.